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Robin and Tom Ervin

Ewing, New Jersey

1964 Ranchero



## Cover: Robin and Tom Ervin

Robin and Tom write, "We really enjoyed our first National Meet in Dover, Delaware in 2009. We had a blast meeting everyone and hearing their stories. Thanks to the Mason Dixon Chapter for putting on such a great event. We are looking forward to our next Falcon National Meet."

It's never too late to see photos of previous National Meets. See page 20 for more of Tom and Robin's photos from 2009.

These arrive just in time to get prepare for next month's issue, which features the 2010 FCA National Meet in Dearborn, Michigan. This was a fun filled and very well organized event put on by the Detroit Metro Chapter. Look for lots of photos and details in the December issue.

It's time to start thinking about attending the 2011 Nationals in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Use the registration form on the jacket to sign up early and help the Mile Hi and Wild West Chapters plan a most excellent event for us. See you there!

Let's see your Falcon on the cover of *The National Falcon News*! Send high resolution digital files (300 dpi at 100%) to the Editor, along with a few paragraphs about you and your Falcon.



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# *Father of the Ford Falcon: Robert McNamara*

Robert S. McNamara, who died in 2009 at 93, will be remembered for the war in Vietnam. He is less recalled as the father of the Ford Falcon compact, introduced 50 years ago this fall. He was not only the defense secretary during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, but, a key executive at Ford Motor Company.

Mr. McNamara famously drew up the specs for the Falcon on the back of a church program during Sunday worship. It was 1957, the year Ford introduced its mid-size Edsel line into the teeth of a recession. The Edsel sat on lots while smaller cars like the Volkswagen Beetle and the American Motors Rambler sold well.

Mr. McNamara wondered why Americans needed such big cars. A housewife running errands didn't need a 4,000 pound car, he reasoned. With a smaller car, car makers could save a thousand pounds of costs in materials. The smaller car would also burn less fuel, something no one much focused on in 1957.

He showed the numbers to another top executive, Donald Frey. In *The Reckoning*, David Halberstam's 1986 book about the American automobile industry and its troubles, he wrote that Mr. Frey responded, "Bob, you've got everything down except what kind of car you want."

"What do you mean?" McNamara asked.

"Do you want a soft car, a hot, sexy car, a comfortable car, a car for the young, or a car for the middle class? Whose car is it, what does it feel like?"

McNamara had not considered that factor.

The resulting Falcon joined the Chevrolet Corvair and Plymouth Valiant as the first of the Big Three's compacts. It was more than two feet shorter than an Edsel. McNamara is often depicted as a man who understood numbers, but not people. At its tragic worst, in Vietnam, this approach would mean a focus on body count, and a failure to "win hearts and minds."

But people liked the numbers embodied in the Falcon; 417,174 were sold during the car's first year, more than the Corvair or Valiant.

Soon the Falcon counted for a quarter of all Ford sales. It remained in the company's line until 1970. The Falcon was bland in handling and design and car enthusiasts hated it, notably, Lee Iacocca, who would later develop the Mustang on the underpinning of the Falcon.

Mr. McNamara had been one of the original Whiz Kids, the systems analysts who helped run the Pentagon in World War II and were then hired by Henry Ford after the war to bring



order to Mr. Ford's chaos. He was named President of Ford in 1960 but served only eight or so weeks before accepting an offer to return to the Pentagon as Defense Secretary.

Just as he ran afoul of traditions in Detroit, with his advocacy of safety, fuel economy and novel technology like front-wheel drive, he ran into interservice rivalry in Washington. He applied the same cost analysis he used in Detroit to weaponry. Why not combine a new fighter for the Air Force with one for the Navy? Even better, why not combine a fighter with a bomber and save even more?

His idea eventually became the much debated TFX, or Tactical Fighter Experimental program. The ultimate result was the F-111 known to pilots as the Aardvark.

Eventually, long after Mr. McNamara had left the Pentagon, the fighter's fans developed another model they loved, the light, agile F-16. It was, coincidentally, named the Fighting Falcon.

—By Phil Patton

Reprinted from The Arizona Flyer, newsletter of the Arizona Chapter; Bill Lind, Editor



# FCA Member Profile: Randy and Rod Gerdes

By Lenny Kellogg

Allow me to introduce Rod and Randy Gerdes, brothers and Falcon lovers from the Omaha area. Both own a pair of 1963 and 1964 Falcons and they both have wives who help and support their hobby.

Rod and Randy met us on the way out to Nationals and on the way back. They were super hosts and very excited about talking with for-real Falcon owners.

While we were out there, Kathleen and I got to see three of their four cars along with pictures of Rod's 1963 Sprint hardtop, which is presently under construction. Rod's second Falcon is a very nice stock 1964 Futura Sports convertible, red on red, with a 170 and automatic transmission.

Rod and his wife, Shelly were away when these pictures were taken. They were visiting their son in San Diego, who had just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.

About Randy and Ann: His Falcon is a 1964 Sprint Hardtop, V8 with a four speed that Ann purchased for him as a wedding present. Ann's Falcon is a 1963 Sprint convertible that she helped to rebuild. It sports matching platinum paint with a burgundy and platinum interior. These gorgeous

Falcons are show-stoppers wherever they go. Randy's personalized license plate reads B4 'STANG, and Ann's says B4 HIS. Pretty cool.

Rod and Randy are in search of a club. They drive their cars a lot and attend local car shows and cruises, but feel like they are isolated because they rarely see any other Falcons. If you know of other Falcon owners in the eastern Nebraska area, let them know. At this point Nebraska has no FCA chapters at all. Here are two great families who would love to hook up with other local Falcon owners and start a club. They are National members and you can contact them through the National directory.

—Lenny Kellogg (#3272)  
Loveland, Colorado

Reprinted from The Falcon Transmission, newsletter of the Mile Hi Chapter; Kathleen Kellogg, Editor



*Randy and Ann Gerdes would love to meet other local Falcon owners. Randy is FCA Member #11099*



*Randy's 1964 and Ann's 1963 Falcons are show stoppers wherever they take them.*



## President's Message: Chuck Beason



Chuck and Carolyn at 31st FCA Convention Awards Banquet

Carolyn and I recently had the opportunity to attend the 15th Keystone Regional Meet in Bethel, PA. Members of the Keystone Chapter were great host and the warm hospitality provided made us feel right at home. The short cruise over to Kaufman's Chicken for dinner on Friday evening was great, as usual, with plenty to eat. The Falcons on the show field each show just seem to get better and better and this meet was no exception. We look forward to visiting again with the Keystone Chapter at their 16th Regional Meet.

Thanks to the members of the Carolinas Chapter for hosting their Ninth Annual Carolinas Regional Meet. Carolyn and I enjoyed the weekend spent with our Falcon friends in the Carolinas. The weather cooperated this year, a little warm but better than being wet. The hospitality was superb and the Falcons improve each time they are displayed. Thanks for a great Falcon weekend.

We arrived one day early with plans to visit Vic's Classic Auto Parts and Cars in Chesnee, South Carolina to search for Falcon parts. Several FCA members made the same plans for the visit to Vic's. We spent several hours removing parts and pieces from the nine Falcons lined up in one part of the yard. After gathering up these parts and agreeing on a price, the owner pointed out another area with Falcons so we proceeded to that area and gathered more parts. We all agree that the trip to Vic's was very rewarding as you just don't see that many Falcons in the salvage yards these days.

After leaving Vic's we drove down to Spartanburg to have lunch at the famous Ike's Corner Grill. We all enjoyed our lunch, great burgers and some had Ike's famous extra thick blackened bologna sandwich. If you are ever in the Spartanburg area stop by Ike's for a great burger.

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Falcon Club of America are always looking for opportunities to improve our club. Most recently the Falcon Club of America was registered with Ford and is now recognized as a Ford Car Club. As a result of this, our Club Store now carries Ford officially licensed merchandise. We hope to soon to receive additional benefits from Ford as a result of our club and its association with Ford. I will keep you informed as progress is made.

Mark your calendar for July 15-17, 2011 to join us in the "Stampede to Steamboat" for the 32nd Annual National Convention of the Falcon Club of America. Check the web site—[mile-hifalconclub.com](http://mile-hifalconclub.com)—of the Mile Hi Chapter for registration form, hotel information and more. Members of the Mile Hi Chapter are busy with plans for a great weekend in July 2011. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

As we approach the Holiday Season we should remember the men and women serving in our armed forces around the world. Let them know we appreciate their service and sacrifices. Carolyn and I would like to wish our many Falcon friends a Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember, "Take a kid to a car show."

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**All ads must be sent by mail or e-mail to the Editor, Wendelyn Crosby, 16318 Riggs Rd., Stilwell, KS 66085. NO PHONE CALLS OR FAXES FOR ADS — NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you have Internet access, please email ads to [wcrosby62@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wcrosby62@sbcglobal.net) Ads must be received by the first of the month for the following month's issue. The FCA reserves the right to refuse advertising from any person or business.

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## Miscellaneous For Sale

After much research, I have found that no one out there is currently making a hard fiberglass tonneau cover for 1960 to 1965 Rancheros. However, I have found a manufacturer who will make a mould for us if we can put together 10 people who will order a cover. The covers look great, save gas, and help prevent rust under the removable bed panel as water never even gets down there. If you are interested, please get back to me and with your contact info. If there is sufficient interest we will take the next step. Contact Roy Lewis, [mercuryfree@earthlink.net](mailto:mercuryfree@earthlink.net) or 925-366-7555. CA.

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New aluminum 1965 Falcon rear trunk trim. Triple chrome plated, show quality, \$695. or \$795. detailed. 1963-65 bucket seats, \$595. 1963-65 convertible bucket seats, \$695. 1960-65 Ranchero rechromed Bet set, \$595. Inside 1963-65 rechromed windshield set, \$395. Todd Hathcote, 704-502-9341. NC.

Kellogg's Garage monthly special: NOS 1962 deluxe wheel covers (also 1963



Squire) set of four, still in the box, minimal shelf wear: \$225 + shipping. We have parts for 1960-70 Falcons here in high, dry Colorado. Contact Lenny Kellogg, 970-593-1964 for info or lenkellogg@lpbroadband.net.

Radiator heat shroud, never used, \$20. Interior chrome windshield trim, top and sides, \$25. Passenger side complete rear quarter panel in primer ready to attach, \$250. Tailgate for 1964 or 1965 Ranchero, in primer, \$275. Items plus shipping. Photos available upon request. 760-758-4499. CA.

1963-1965 tailgate arms and ends \$65. 1963 Falcon front fenders \$200. 260, 289, 302 Weiland 2x4 tunnel ram intake with carbs. \$350. 1964-1965 Falcon/Comet heat riser, black power coated \$95. 1963-1965 Falcon/Comet quarter post seals \$25. 1963-1965 Falcon/Comet headlight wire grommets \$12. 260, 289, 302 Mustang shorty headers \$65. 1963-1965 Falcon/comet sway bar, black powder coated \$125. Vic Falcone, 518-355-7756 or vfalcon64@aol.com. NY.

Rear end assembly from 1963 Ranchero 3:50 ratio. Good condition. Save it from the scrapper. \$50. John Vannatta, 301-502-7694. MD

1965 Bench seat from a 1965 Ranchero. In good working order. Seat upholstery worn, backrests OK. Black. Contact Roy Lewis, mercuryfree@earthlink.net, 925.743.9402. CA

1963-1965 Falcon/Comet T-10 four speed shifter assembly \$225. 1963-1965 Falcon/comet T-10 shifter, with new chrome, ready for show \$235. 1963 T-10 transmission tag. This is a rare item, \$75. 1963-1965 Falcon/Comet four speed tunnel, black powder coated \$199. 1963-1965 Falcon/Comet Hurst competition plus four speed shifter with linkage \$495. 1963-1965 Falcon /Comet T-10 four speed transmission needs to be checked, \$375. Vic Falcone, 518-355-7756 or vfalcon64@aol.com. NY.

T-10 transmission for a 1964-65 era Falcon - the tail shaft is specifically for a Falcon. It has been disassembled and all of the internal parts are in good shape. The case has a small V-shaped indentation crack above the oil level. It doesn't leak oil and could be fixed easily, \$175; 1964-65 Falcon factory four speed floor shifter. The chrome is in great shape. It comes with all of the linkages to connect it to the T-10, \$325; 1965 grille in driver car shape, \$80. All prices are firm and don't include shipping. Bob Smith, 412-793-9683. Western PA.

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I have a 1962 Ranchero missing the jack base. It is a type 4. Would anyone have an extra or one you would get rid of? Contact Bob at robertdbf@sbcglobal.net or 608-873-8937. WI.

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## Featured Falcon for Sale: Doug and Karen Bone

Karen and Doug Bone are selling this very nice 1963 Falcon. A packet of photos was dropped off for the Editor at Nationals in Dearborn and only recently unearthed from the collection of Falcon stuff from that event.

Usually it is probably not a good idea to try to give me stuff at the Meet; there is too much going on and it may be a while before it appears in the magazine.

But after seeing these photos, this really looks like a very nice little Falcon.

Here are the VIN and specs. Their ad is on page 11.

Note: The copy said 1962 or 1963 Falcon, but I am guessing from the grille that it is a '63...

Famous last words.

—Ed.

Body Code: 54B

Color: Y

Trim: 72

Date: 02D

DSO: 26

Axle: 3

Trans: 3

Vehicle Warranty Number:

3T16U 155005

Body Code: Futura four door sedan

Exterior Color: Glacier Blue/Interior

Code Trim: Trim 721 = Light Beige

Crush Vinyl and Medium Blue Crush Vinyl

Date of Manufacture: April 2, 1962

District Code: No code for this year car

Rear Axle Ratio Codes: 3.20:1 non locking differential

Transmission Code: Fordomatic two speed automatic

Assembly Plant: Metuchen

Engine Code: 170 cu. in. inline six

Out of all the cars produced at this assembly plant, this car was the 55,005th car built there.

Have questions about this Falcon?

Does the info not look right? Please contact Karen or Doug at the number on page 11 in their ad.



—More photos on page 16



# Classified Ads

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fornia in 1961. It was called "Honamatic" by the manufacturer and it bolts on to the rear end of the transmission. Please call Joe Tatti in Ontario Canada at 905-335-2834 after 6:00 pm EST.

1964 Ranchero rear driver side quarter panel. Also need one piece of chrome trim for the rear Ranchero quarter panel. Althea Fleeman, 731-607-5775 or e-mail to altheaslj@yahoo.com. TN.

**WANTED:** Solid, numbers matching but unrestored 1966 to 1969 Falcon four door having as many of the following specifications as possible: 289 V-8 Engine, C-4 Transmission, Power Brakes (Front Discs), Power Steering and Air Conditioning. Contact: Tom Mullett, 352-742-0052 or tommullett@aol.com.

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## Falcons Wanted

Wanted: 1960-65 Falcon Deluxe four door wagon. Prefer about #2 condition and power steering. Please send pictures and details to Edmonds, 422 Virginia Ave., Louisville, KY 40222. Ed Edwards.

## Falcons For Sale

1965 Ford Falcon Sedan Delivery, \$4000. 1965 Ford Falcon Futura HT, \$1200. 1965 Ford Falcon Futura H/T, \$600. 1968 Ford Falcon 2 door sedan, \$500. 1965 Ford Falcon 2 door H/T, \$700. 1960 COMET 2 door V8, \$800. 1976 Ford Ranchero GT, \$7500. Call or email Don Branson, 4097 Hwy T, Marthasville, MO 63357-2019. 636-228-4501 or dbranson@mail.win.org.

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# /////// Falcons on the Fly! \\\\\\\\\\\

By Dick Harrington  
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During the Nationals at Dover a few of us Mason Dixon members were discussing the upcoming regional event at Niagara Falls. Three years ago a few members stopped on their way to Niagara Falls at Watkins Glen Raceway and took three laps around the track. It was suggested that it should be part of the migration itinerary again. I immediately jumped at the suggestion and said I was in. Mike Garrett made the arrangements and Ed Sickels, Pat and Diane Varricchio, Tom Laupe, Mike and Pilar Garrett along with Linda and I were in. The subject came up again at the Nifty Thrifty Compact Reunion in Cleveland and Devin Barnhouse, Jack and Colleen Ellis and Jim and Pam Clements decided to join us.

We all met on September 10th, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Gate 2 of the Speedway. The weather was perfect, everyone arrived on time and the Speedway was ready and waiting.

Thunder Road Tours is the name given to this event and reservations



*Waiting our turn, Jack and Colleen Ellis's beautiful 1965 sedan looks ready!*



*This is at the top of the esses before entering the back straight.*



## /// Nine Falcons Take Flight at Watkins Glen ///

are necessary. The event is basically three laps around the speedway, behind the pace car, at 55 MPH—after you sign a waiver releasing the speedway from any responsibility. This weekend was also the historical race event weekend and we watched the old cars practicing while waiting for our turn. When the pace car arrived, Mike did a little talking with the pace car driver before we entered the track. The pace car driver stated that we must stay in line and absolutely no passing was allowed. We all got in our cars—Gentlemen start your engines—and onto the track we went.

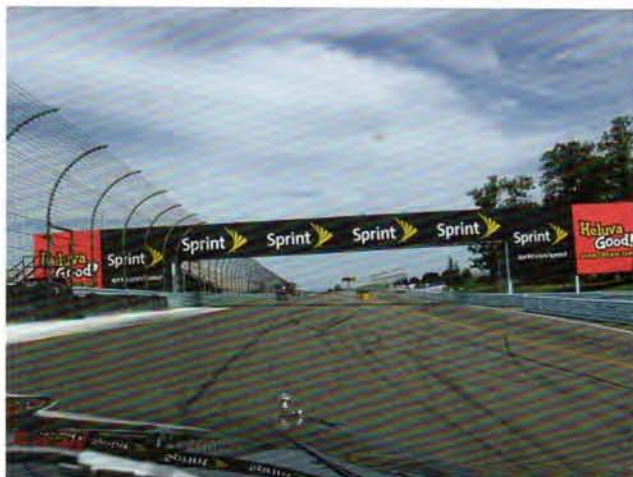
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The amount of concentration required to make those three laps is incredible and I have a new found respect for the energy required to run a full race event.

We all migrated together to the regional at Niagara Falls and continued to have a great time. During the event, we discussed the possibility of having a regional event in September of 2011 at Watkins Glen. Stay tuned!



*Heading down into the "boot" Jack Ellis '65 is directly in front of us and Devin Barnhouse in his dad's '61. How's that for trusting your kid with the car keys? This is a flat to reverse camber curve, it would take many passes to begin to get a handle on this corner.*



*The Sprint heads under the Sprint spectator overpass at the top of the front straight. Linda was on her toes as the co-pilot and chief photographer.*



*We stopped to pose for pictures at the end of lap two at the start finish line. Even Linda has a large grin on her face!*



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When you need to use the 411 information option to get a phone number, simply dial: 800- 373-3411 (800-FREE-411), and you will get Information and the telephone numbers you need without incurring any charge at all.

Program this into your cell phone now.

—Reprinted from The Arizona Flyer; Arizona Chapter; Bill Lind, Editor





# DOVER NATIONALS!

It's time to gear up for Nationals again! Tom and Robin Ervin sent these photos from the 2009 meet in Dover, where the Falcons took a turn around the track and got to pose with some heavy machinery at the Dover Air Base.

We're sure the Mile Hi and Wild West folks have some equally fun things planned.



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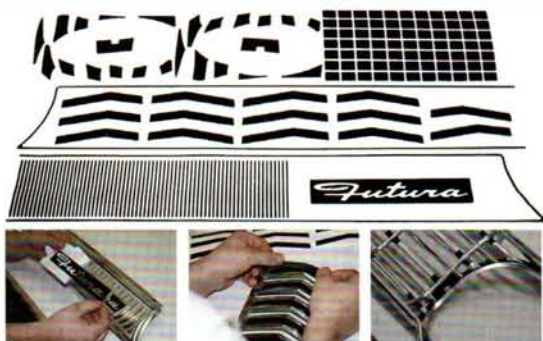
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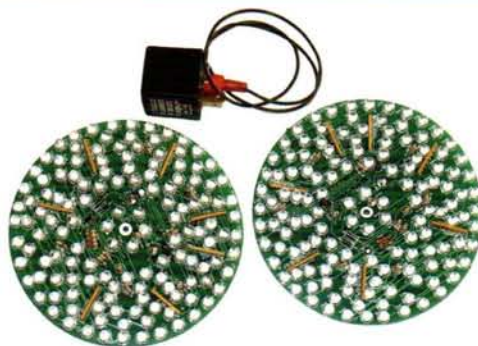


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Dear Chuck:

I hope this finds you and Carolyn doing well. Also, I just want to say how much I appreciate and enjoy you being our President. I know you and Carolyn have to make sacrifices to do all you do, but it is certainly appreciated.

There is something that I have had on my mind for quite some time that I wanted to visit with you about. I have mentioned this to Roy and Mark Sword and asked them to bring it up in some of the meetings as I have not been to the last couple of Nationals.

I think that we need to get back to having a section of our *National Falcon News* devoted to "club news" as we once did. I think it would be good to know what our fellow chapters are doing; whether they are active and take cruises or have a meeting at someone's home or maybe installing a motor, or just what everyone is doing. I enjoy all the cars, parts, and tech tips but I think we are missing something by not knowing all through the year what our other chapters are doing. After all, the members are just as important to me as the cars. I know you, like myself, are always happy to especially see our older members at our shows, and this would just be another way of everyone keeping up and knowing what our fellow members and chapters are doing. We have discussed this in our meetings here and we all agree that this would be good to get started back. Another thing; and this is mostly up to each chapter, but I think we need to encourage everyone to drive their Falcons to our meetings and maybe on a Sunday afternoon drive. When we drive down the highways in our regular cars, people don't know we have a Falcon back home in the garage. But when you are driving down the highway and you see a 1957 Chevrolet Convertible or a Mustang Fastback, that gets your attention.

I think we, as a Club and Chapter, should be putting more emphasis on getting our Falcons out and driving them. I don't emphasize getting them out in bad weather but we have plenty

of opportunities to get them out otherwise. I've heard people say in the spring that it is time to "get our Falcons out." I don't think we should "put our Falcons up." Again, not every day driving or anything like that, but you know what I'm talking about.

I don't want this to sound too negative, but I think we "hide" our chapters too much on the National level, and "hide" our cars too much on the local level. The people and the cars are what we are about, so let's get out and meet people with our cars.

Sincerely,  
Ezra Wingfield (FCA #1963)  
Benton, Arkansas

### Editor's Note:

I couldn't agree more! The magazine is fueled by members' submissions. Some Chapters are very conscientious about sending in their activities and photos (Ohio Valley Chapter and Southeast Chapter come to mind here.) If I don't receive it, I can't print it!

Is your Chapter doing something besides just having a meeting? Sponsoring a car show? A barbecue? A Sunday cruise? Please take the time to write a few paragraphs and take some photos to keep other FCA members in touch with what you are doing. Ezra wants to know!

—Wendy

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 July, Aug. at Berge Ford,  
 460 E. Auto Center Dr.,  
 Mesa, AZ  
 (480) 888-0589

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**Louisville, KY**  
 2nd Sat. March, June,  
 September, December  
 4:30 PM at Shoney's at  
 Fern Valley Rd.  
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**Blue Ridge Chapter**  
**South Carolina**  
 3rd Sun.—monthly  
 Greer, SC  
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**Austin, TX**  
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**Charlotte, NC**  
 1st Mon.—7 PM  
 Holiday Inn Express  
 Hotel, 2491 Wonder  
 Dr., (Exit 60: I-85)  
 Kannapolis, N.C.  
 (704) 736-1920

**Central California**  
**Falcons**  
**Bakersfield, CA**  
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 Marcia's house,  
 5304 Southshore  
 (661) 587-8539

**Central California**  
**Falcons**  
**Fresno, CA**  
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 Holiday Inn Southgate,  
 17201 Northline Road,  
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**Georgia**  
 1st Sun.—monthly  
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 Prince's Drive-In, I-45 &  
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